Involvement of Panchayats in Bharat Nirman

2548. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Finance Minister in his budget speech 2005-06, had expressed the intention to give rural India a new deal, fully involving the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the planning and implementation of Bharat Nirman;

(b) if so, how much funds have been spent so far on development of rural roads through PRIs under Bharat Nirman;

(c) how much funds have been spent so far on constructing houses through PRIs under Bharat Nirman; and

(d) how much funds have been spent so far for providing safe drinking water through PRIs under Bharat Nirman?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three of the six components of Bharat Nirman' i.e. Rural Roads, Rural Housing and Drinking Water Supply with active involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). The role of PRIs is specified in the guidelines of the respective programmes e.g. for the allotment of a house under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the BPL family is selected by the Gram Sabha, PRIs are actively associated in preparation of Plan for Rural Roads and under the programme of Rural Drinking Water Supply, the Panchayats and Village Water and Sanitation Committees have been assigned the role of selection of location for drinking water source, its operation and maintenance etc.

The funds under these components of Bharat Nirman are spent/ utilized through different programme implementing agencies and the details of funds spent during 2005-06 and 2006-07 (upto Feb., 2007) are as under:—

Rural Roads	:	Rs. 9447.25 crore
Rural Housing	:	Rs. 6330.97 crore
Drinking Water Supply	:	Rs. 10535.38 crore

The expenditure incurred on Rural Housing and Drinking Water Supply includes the States share also whereas Rural Roads is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Funds under NREGA

2549. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of funds allocated by Government for NREGA in 2006-2007;

(b) the funds released for NREGA by the Ministry in the first three quarters of the financial year 2006-2007, State-wise;

(c) the total amount of funds provided by States from their budgets, State-wise, in the financial year 2006-2007;

(d) the total amount of funds spent by the States, States-wise, in the first three quarters of the financial year 2006-2007; and

(e) what are the reasons for shortfall, if any, in expenditure *vis-a-vis* funds released by the Centre and States with respect to the financial year 2006-2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act is demand driven and hence no allocations of funds are made for the implementation of the Act. However, a budget provision of Rs. 11,300 crore has been made for implementation of the Act during 2006-2007.

(b) to (d) A Statement containing the requisite details is annexed. (*See* below)

(e) As NREGA is demand driven there are no shortfalls in its implementation.